

Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA

§ 33.15

under the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, as amended (52 Stat. 1040; 21 U.S.C. 301 *et seq.*), he shall not issue a certificate on the lot unless it complies with such tolerances.

inspected and certified as meeting other requirements of §§ 33.10 and 33.11.

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EXEMPTIONS

WITHHOLDING CERTIFICATES

§ 33.12 Apples and pears not subject to regulation.

Except as otherwise provided in this section, any person may, without regard to the provisions of this part, ship or offer for shipment, and any carrier may, without regard to the provisions of this part, transport or receive for transportation to any foreign destination:

(a) A quantity of apples or pears to any foreign country not exceeding a total of 5,000 pounds gross weight or 100 boxes of apples or pears packed in standard boxes on a single conveyance: *Provided*, That pears may be shipped to Western Hemisphere countries touching or lying south of the Tropic of Cancer in less than carload lots not exceeding one such lot to any one consignee or receiver on a single conveyance.

(b) Apples or pears to Pacific ports west of the International Date Line which do not meet maturity standards of the grade specified in § 33.10, if the packages are conspicuously marked or printed with the words "Immature Fruit;" (in letters at least two inches high) if inspected and certified as meeting all other requirements of §§ 33.10 and 33.11.

(c) Apples for processing which do not meet the grade standards specified in § 33.10, if such apples grade at least U.S. No. 1 as specified in U.S. Standards for Apples for Processing (§§ 51.340 to 51.344 of this chapter), and if the containers are conspicuously marked "Cannery" (in letters at least two inches high) if inspected and certified as meeting all other requirements of §§ 33.10 and 33.11.

(d) Pears for processing which do not meet the grade standards specified in § 33.10, if such pears grade at least U.S. No. 1 as specified in U.S. Standards for Pears for Canning (§§ 51.1345 to 51.1358 of this chapter), and if the containers are conspicuously marked "Cannery" (in letters at least two inches high) if

§ 33.13 Notice.

If the Secretary is considering withholding the issuance of certificates under the act for a period of not exceeding 90 days to any person who ships, or offers for shipment, apples or pears to any foreign destination in violation of any provisions of the act or this part, he shall cause notice to be given to the person accused of the nature of the charges against him and of the specific instances in which violation of the act or the regulations in this part is charged.

§ 33.14 Opportunity for hearing.

The person accused shall be entitled to a hearing, provided he makes written request therefor and files a written responsive answer to the charges made not later than 10 days after service of such notice upon him. The right to hearing shall be restricted to matters in issue. At such hearing, he shall have the right to be present in person or by counsel and to submit evidence and argument in his behalf. Failure to request a hearing within the specified time or failure to appear at the hearing when scheduled shall be deemed a waiver of the right to hearing. Such person may, in lieu of requesting an oral hearing, file a sworn written statement with the Secretary not later than 10 days after service of such notice upon him.

§ 33.15 Suspension of inspection.

Any order to withhold the issuance of a certificate, as provided in section 6 of the act, will be effective from the date specified in the order but no earlier than the date of its service upon the person found to have been guilty. Such order will state the inclusive dates during which it is to remain in effect, and during this period no inspector employed or licensed by the Secretary shall issue any Export Form Certificate or Memorandum of Inspection to such person.